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This volume is the third annual Texas Public Library Summary. It contains information as submitted by local public libraries on their 1995 Annual Report forms. The contents include: analytical tables; statistical summary overview; income and percent of population served by type of library; operating expenditures adjusted for inflation; materials expenditures adjusted for inflation; Texas library per capita data compared to U.S. averages; salary and staffing data; and rank order of Texas public libraries by population served. Results show modest increases in expenditures overall and in salaries, although library spent less on library materials than in 1994. Library income increased 6.5% over 1994. Libraries added 174 new paid staff positions in 1995, of which 75 (43%) were MLS positions. Nearly all measures of library service showed declines from 1994 to 1995. Circulation and visits dropped slightly, while reference transactions decreased by nearly 10%. The number of book items per capita held in Texas public libraries remained flat while total items per capita rebounded a 1994 decrease to return to approximately the same level as 1993. While spending has increased in Texas public libraries since 1985, the increases have not kept pace with inflation. (SWC)

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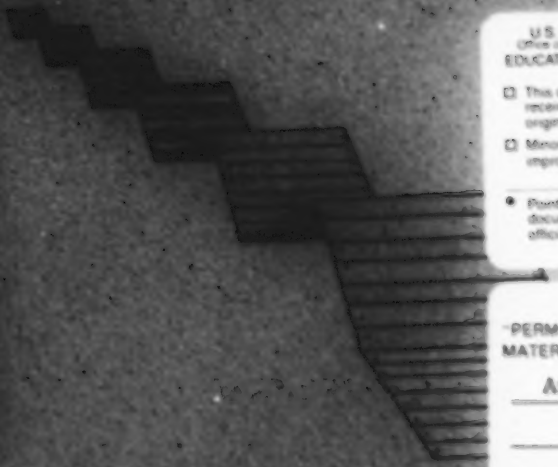

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Introduction

This is the third annual *Texas Public Library Summary*. It contains information as submitted by local public libraries on their 1995 Annual Report forms. Detailed data from each public library is published in a separate volume, *Texas Public Library Statistics for 1995*.

The following tables and charts present aggregate data on Texas libraries. They contain analytical tables that allow a library to compare its activity to that of similar libraries across the state. Charts compare Texas library expenditure and service data to other libraries in the U.S.

Expenditures showed modest increases overall and in salaries, though libraries spent less on library materials than in 1994. Library income increased a robust 6.5% over 1994. Libraries added 174 new paid staff positions in 1995, of which 75 (43%) were MLS positions, a stronger gain in total library staffing than occurred between 1993 and 1994.

Nearly all measures of library service, however, showed declines from 1994 to 1995. Circulation and visits dropped slightly, while reference transactions decreased by nearly 10% from 1.11 in 1994 to 1.0 in 1995. The number of book items per capita held in Texas public libraries remained flat while total items per capita rebounded a 1994 decrease to return to 3.16, about the same as 1993. The expenditure charts showing inflation-adjusted library expenditures, offer some clue to this situation. While spending has increased in Texas public libraries from a total of $120 million in 1985 to over $190 million in 1995, these increases have not kept pace with inflation, making those 1994 dollars worth less than $140 million 1985 dollars.

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Table 1 - Annual Per Capita Operating Expenditures

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	57	0.06	7.20	11.51	21.16	100.02	16.87
2,000-4,999	127	0.99	4.39	8.35	12.33	39.21	10.52
5,000-9,999	114	0.14	4.57	7.57	12.84	34.35	9.20
10,000-14,999	52	2.76	5.72	7.67	10.91	23.09	8.82
15,000-24,999	52	0.15	6.02	9.51	12.89	39.98	10.66
25,000-49,999	48	1.90	6.47	9.41	12.72	28.10	10.30
50,000-99,999	23	2.42	7.16	12.06	15.65	30.00	12.43
100,000-249,999	20	4.59	8.62	11.49	13.43	21.46	11.46
Over 250,000	9	8.63	9.90	10.56	15.42	23.36	13.19
State Total	502	0.06	5.44	8.91	13.39	100.02	10.96

Note: Total direct expenditures (from 1995 AR/SMA question 13) divided by population served.

Table 2 - Annual Per Capita Expenditures for Salaries

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	51	*	3.94	7.61	13.77	69.33	11.15
2,000-4,999	125	*	2.33	4.64	8.75	26.69	6.61
5,000-9,999	113	0.02	2.80	4.76	7.71	21.60	5.89
10,000-14,999	52	0.92	3.79	5.31	7.72	17.97	6.09
15,000-24,999	47	1.26	4.06	7.17	9.27	30.47	7.69
25,000-49,999	48	1.00	4.31	6.25	9.01	17.55	7.00
50,000-99,999	23	1.63	4.81	8.84	10.31	20.01	8.39
100,000-249,999	20	2.88	5.76	7.85	9.43	17.48	8.12
Over 250,000	10	5.15	6.53	8.60	11.26	16.85	9.26
State Total	489	*	3.41	6.01	9.14	69.33	7.80

* = less than .01

Note: Total wages and benefits (from 1995AR/SMA question 3) divided by population served

Table 3 - Population per ALA/MLS Librarian

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	3	1,933	2,144	2,355	2,625	2,896	2,395
2,000-4,999	9	2,259	4,309	4,536	4,800	6,056	4,463
5,000-9,999	14	2,862	6,173	7,856	9,908	17,696	8,814
10,000-14,999	13	3,567	10,957	12,591	13,423	21,764	12,035
15,000-24,999	27	2,359	13,419	17,706	21,336	24,580	16,108
25,000-49,999	47	5,200	11,491	16,523	29,781	44,953	21,168
50,000-99,999	22	4,927	9,076	14,235	25,336	54,752	19,073
100,000-249,999	20	6,719	10,066	12,895	16,998	34,212	15,375
Over 250,000	10	6,400	8,927	10,428	15,406	16,479	11,608
State Total	165	1,933	8,204	13,215	21,330	54,752	12,338

Note: Population served divided by number of ALA/MLS librarians
(from 1995 AR/SMA question 48)

Table 4 - Population per FTE Employee

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	51	290	1,126	1,609	2,656	9,247	2,079
2,000-4,999	126	718	1,871	3,044	4,963	9,848	3,668
5,000-9,999	113	954	2,256	3,425	5,591	25,709	4,664
10,000-14,999	52	1,562	2,997	3,666	4,883	15,861	4,376
15,000-24,999	47	1,152	2,322	3,586	5,116	12,603	3,927
25,000-49,999	48	1,510	2,972	3,412	5,119	14,984	4,121
50,000-99,999	23	1,490	2,544	3,086	4,333	12,913	4,052
100,000-249,999	20	1,808	2,779	3,318	4,451	7,070	3,678
Over 250,000	10	1,812	2,278	3,248	3,986	5,492	3,279
State Total	490	290	2,096	3,208	4,816	25,709	3,760

Note: Population served divided by number of full time equivalent employees
(from 1995 AR/SMA question 51 "Total library paid staff").

Table 5 - Annual Per Capita Expenditures for Materials

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	56	0.06	0.90	2.57	4.86	12.41	3.52
2,000-4,999	125	0.04	0.69	1.28	2.18	7.79	1.68
5,000-9,999	114	0.09	0.68	1.20	1.83	6.64	1.42
10,000-14,999	52	0.27	0.78	1.03	1.53	4.23	1.26
15,000-24,999	48	0.03	0.82	1.41	2.22	5.12	1.69
25,000-49,999	48	0.42	1.04	1.34	2.04	4.19	1.63
50,000-99,999	23	0.37	1.20	1.69	2.81	4.44	1.97
100,000-249,999	20	0.69	1.31	1.66	2.37	4.05	1.84
Over 250,000	10	1.60	1.70	2.02	2.47	3.35	2.15
State Total	496	0.03	0.78	1.37	2.27	12.41	1.91

Note: Materials expenditures (from 1995 AR/SMA question 9 "Subtotal collection") divided by population.

Table 6 - Items per Capita

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	59	1.89	7.19	10.49	14.12	51.69	12.61
2,000-4,999	127	1.59	4.09	5.40	6.81	19.24	5.79
5,000-9,999	113	1.05	2.59	3.34	4.55	15.62	3.83
10,000-14,999	52	1.05	2.09	2.78	3.44	5.84	2.85
15,000-24,999	49	0.13	1.86	2.45	3.58	12.04	2.84
25,000-49,999	48	0.76	1.57	2.15	2.64	7.45	2.40
50,000-99,999	23	0.98	1.65	2.05	2.92	39.76	3.82
100,000-249,999	20	0.73	1.53	1.92	3.01	4.51	2.27
Over 250,000	10	1.33	1.45	2.26	3.96	7.06	2.88
State Total	501.00	0.13	2.35	3.49	5.77	51.69	4.37

Note: Total items (from 1995 AR/SMA question 38 "Volumes, Items, or Physical Units") divided by population served.

Table 7 - Periodical Subscription Per 1,000 Population

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	50	1.21	2.98	15.15	25.03	85.25	18.54
2,000-4,999	119	0.20	2.73	5.54	11.42	45.73	8.09
5,000-9,999	109	0.10	2.34	4.61	7.70	17.90	5.53
10,000-14,999	52	0.75	3.27	4.86	6.71	22.99	5.31
15,000-24,999	47	0.20	2.97	4.58	5.53	17.26	4.82
25,000-49,999	48	1.75	2.98	4.00	5.20	11.74	4.35
50,000-99,999	23	1.38	3.07	3.77	6.12	9.61	4.48
100,000-249,999	20	1.65	2.42	3.70	4.93	10.27	4.17
Over 250,000	10	1.25	2.69	3.68	5.41	6.23	3.86
State Total	478	0.10	2.79	4.72	7.78	85.25	6.57

Note: Total current periodical subscriptions (from 1995 AR/SMA question 39) divided by population served divided by 1,000.

Table 8 - Circulation Per Capita

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	57	0.20	2.37	7.34	12.45	74.84	9.67
2,000-4,999	127	0.22	2.28	4.17	7.19	22.38	5.39
5,000-9,999	113	0.46	2.25	4.08	6.22	25.19	5.04
10,000-14,999	52	0.34	2.40	3.70	5.66	13.57	4.16
15,000-24,999	48	0.09	2.67	4.36	6.19	12.04	4.90
25,000-49,999	48	0.33	2.62	3.97	6.04	13.67	4.53
50,000-99,999	23	1.74	2.31	3.28	6.61	10.14	4.44
100,000-249,999	20	0.70	2.69	3.74	5.08	10.61	4.27
Over 250,000	10	2.72	3.33	4.17	4.93	6.78	4.24
State Total	498	0.09	2.40	4.22	6.93	74.84	5.18

Note: Total circulation (from 1995 AR/SMA question 40 "Number of library circulation transactions") divided by population served.

Table 9 - Collection Turnover Rate

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	57	0.05	0.27	0.55	1.06	5.06	0.82
2,000-4,999	127	0.07	0.53	0.79	1.18	4.04	0.92
5,000-9,999	113	0.25	0.75	1.10	1.65	4.70	1.28
10,000-14,999	52	0.33	0.96	1.31	1.78	6.08	1.46
15,000-24,999	48	0.12	1.02	1.50	2.21	4.33	1.78
25,000-49,999	48	0.15	1.34	1.96	2.51	3.76	1.98
50,000-99,999	23	0.09	1.41	1.74	2.45	3.63	1.94
100,000-249,999	20	0.89	1.53	1.95	2.36	3.69	1.92
Over 250,000	10	0.58	1.10	1.82	2.93	3.69	1.97
State Total	498	0.05	0.69	1.11	1.79	6.08	1.57

Note: Total circulations (from 1995 AR/SMA question 40) divided by total items (from 1995 AR/SMA question 38 "Volumes, items or physical units").

Table 10 - Hours Open Per Week

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	59	1.50	20.00	24.00	36.00	48.00	26.97
2,000-4,999	127	10.00	23.00	30.00	37.50	60.00	30.71
5,000-9,999	114	9.00	32.50	40.00	45.00	60.00	38.53
10,000-14,999	52	29.50	40.00	44.00	47.00	61.00	43.63
15,000-24,999	49	16.00	45.00	48.00	52.00	71.00	47.39
25,000-49,999	48	41.00	48.00	53.50	59.00	66.00	53.17
50,000-99,999	23	44.00	53.50	58.00	63.00	70.00	57.87
100,000-249,999	20	57.00	61.00	64.00	66.50	70.00	64.00
Over 250,000	10	66.00	68.00	69.50	71.50	73.00	69.65
State Total	502	1.50	30.00	42.00	49.00	73.00	47.99

Note: Derived from 1995 AR/SMA Page 7 "Schedule of Hours" and Page 8 "Branch and/or Bookmobile Information."

Table 11- Library Visits Per Capita

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	55	0.06	1.75	4.15	7.65	49.56	6.43
2,000-4,999	122	0.37	1.36	2.52	3.91	19.68	3.18
5,000-9,999	110	0.14	1.24	2.19	3.99	10.23	2.97
10,000-14,999	49	0.29	1.24	2.04	3.97	6.73	2.67
15,000-24,999	46	0.11	1.44	3.16	4.07	7.24	3.18
25,000-49,999	48	0.46	1.90	2.80	4.00	8.55	2.95
50,000-99,999	22	0.85	1.92	2.83	3.71	6.87	2.90
100,000-249,999	18	0.38	1.87	2.42	3.67	9.27	3.00
Over 250,000	9	2.18	2.47	2.74	3.18	5.02	3.16
State Total	479	0.06	1.45	2.56	4.15	49.56	3.38

Note: Total library visits (from 1995 AR/SMA question 44) divided by population served.

Table 12- Reference Transactions Per Capita

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	52	*	0.07	0.25	0.74	32.75	1.18
2,000-4,999	124	*	0.05	0.21	0.43	3.69	0.37
5,000-9,999	112	0.01	0.11	0.23	0.52	8.39	0.45
10,000-14,999	51	0.01	0.09	0.27	0.66	3.39	0.49
15,000-24,999	48	0.00	0.22	0.41	0.98	3.38	0.70
25,000-49,999	46	0.05	0.25	0.45	0.67	3.00	0.54
50,000-99,999	23	0.15	0.30	0.62	0.88	2.75	0.70
100,000-249,999	20	0.07	0.29	0.89	1.09	4.68	0.95
Over 250,000	10	0.44	0.64	1.03	1.69	2.48	1.25
State Total	486	*	0.11	0.30	0.65	32.75	0.74

* = less than .01

Note: Number of reference transactions received (from 1995 AR/SMA question 41) divided by population served.

Table 13- Program Attendance Per Capita

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	47	0.01	0.12	0.34	0.63	4.70	0.63
2,000-4,999	117	0.01	0.08	0.16	0.35	5.34	0.34
5,000-9,999	111	*	0.06	0.16	0.31	3.74	0.29
10,000-14,999	50	0.01	0.06	0.13	0.27	2.42	0.28
15,000-24,999	47	0.01	0.08	0.16	0.35	0.85	0.24
25,000-49,999	48	0.02	0.07	0.17	0.34	1.31	0.26
50,000-99,999	23	0.00	0.08	0.12	0.26	1.73	0.24
100,000-249,999	20	0.04	0.06	0.13	0.27	1.64	0.24
Over 250,000	8	0.09	0.14	0.16	0.23	0.41	0.20
State Total	471	*	0.07	0.17	0.35	5.34	0.30

* = less than .01

Note: Program attendance (from 1995 AR/SMA question 42 "Number of persons attending programs/presentations") divided by population served.

Table 14- Head Librarian's Salary

Population	Number of Libraries	Low	25th %ile	50th %ile	75th %ile	High	Average
Under 2,000	50	1	5,240	6,892	12,486	39,007	8,787
2,000-4,999	123	1	6,000	9,527	15,346	39,279	11,554
5,000-9,999	111	550	10,756	15,600	19,006	47,060	15,953
10,000-14,999	52	4,800	16,066	20,644	28,002	45,269	21,909
15,000-24,999	47	7,357	23,039	30,000	36,910	69,500	30,401
25,000-49,999	47	20,283	29,343	35,436	40,352	56,000	35,041
50,000-99,999	23	22,119	34,380	44,000	55,668	66,890	45,542
100,000-249,999	20	34,596	44,036	51,858	61,457	84,804	54,932
Over 250,000	10	53,570	60,236	79,655	82,134	86,000	72,813
State Total	483	1	9,883	17,536	30,986	86,000	32,992

Note: From 1995 AR/SMA question 52 "What was the Head Librarian's annual rate of salary?"

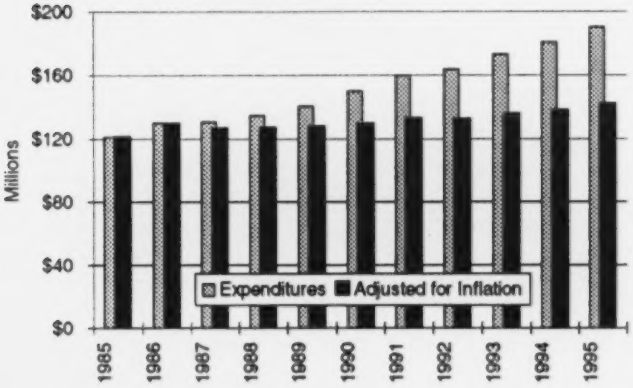
Texas Public Libraries
Statistical Summary Overview

	1993	1994	1995
Averages			
Total library income per capita ($)	11.15	11.45	12.20
Library expenditures per capita ($)	10.96	11.09	11.65
Salaries and benefits per capita ($)	7.36	7.49	7.91
Materials expenditures per capita ($)	1.69	1.73	1.69
Circulation per capita	4.54	4.32	4.30
Reference transactions per capita	1.03	1.11	1.00
Total items per capita	3.17	3.13	3.16
Totals			
City income ($)	132,106,907	142,364,781	152,712,348
County income ($)	31,670,978	33,176,663	34,492,629
School district income ($)	784,602	843,301	928,596

Income and Percent of Population Served by Type of Library

	Number	Income Per Capita	Percent of Population Served
City	272	$13.23	72.32
County	109	9.70	19.61
Federated	27	11.07	4.16
Non-Profit	64	6.99	2.47
City-County	10	7.29	0.59
Inter-local	5	7.50	0.46
Other	14	7.25	0.40

Total Library Operating Expenditures 1985-95
Adjusted for Inflation



Note: Adjusted by Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) average of Texas CMSAs
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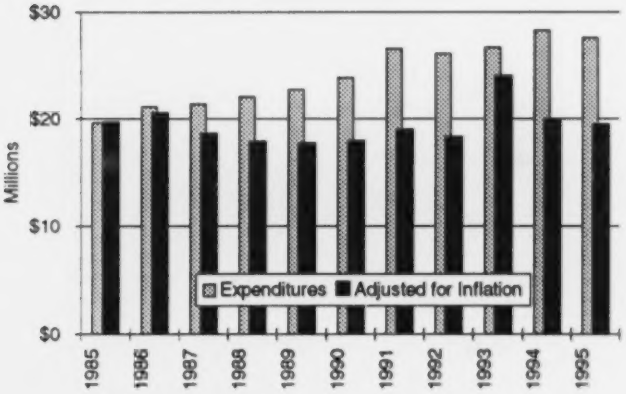
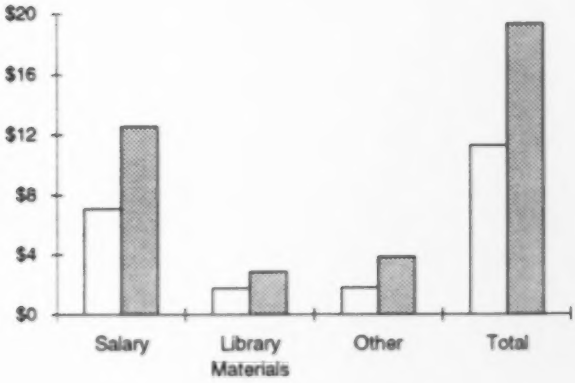
Library Materials Expenditures 1985-95
Adjusted for Inflation



Note: Adjusted by index of U.S. hardcover book prices
Source: *Bowker Annual, Library and Book Trade Almanac*

Texas Library Per Capita Data Compared to U.S. Averages

Expenditures



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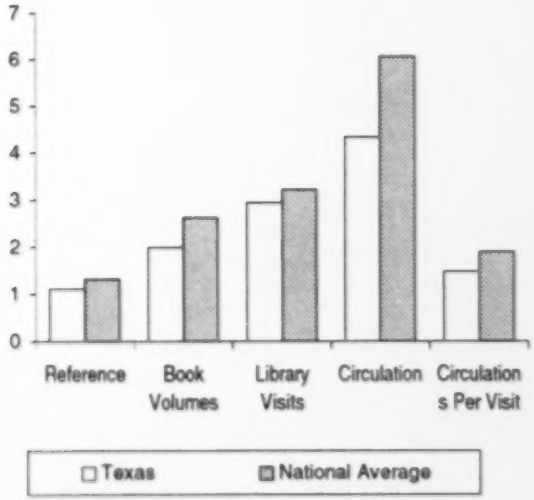

Note: The data in these charts are 1994 FSCS data as published by the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.

Texas Ranking in Key Measures

	Texas	U.S.	Texas Ranking
Salary Expend. Per Capita ($)	7.08	12.54	44
Materials Expend. Per Capita ($)	1.75	2.87	42
Other Expend. Per Capita ($)	1.79	3.86	49
Total Operating Expend. Per Capita ($)	11.29	19.31	46
Book Volumes Per Capita	1.99	2.62	39
Visits Per Capita	2.93	3.21	32
Reference Transactions Per Capita	1.11	1.32	13
Circulation Per Capita	4.33	6.06	43
Circulations Per Visit	1.47	1.89	41
MLS Per 1,000 of Population	0.0716	0.101	32
FTE Staff Per 1,000 of Population	0.316	0.441	45

Note: The data in this table is 1994 FSCS data as published by the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education (the latest national data available).

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Salary and Staffing Data

Population Range	Number of Libraries	Number of MLS Librarians	Number of FTE Staff	Population Per FTE staff	Population Per MLS Librarian	Average Salary of Head Librarian
Under 2,000	60	2	49	1,644	39,943	12,200
2,000 - 4,999	129	8	175	2,526	56,254	14,175
5,000 - 9,999	114	15	274	3,040	55,378	17,171
10,000 - 14,999	55	16	188	3,641	42,055	23,162
15,000 - 24,999	49	49	309	3,200	20,398	29,333
25,000 - 49,999	48	111	500	3,355	15,122	34,478
50,000 - 99,999	23	129	541	2,918	12,217	45,542
100,000 - 249,999	21	266	1,032	3,220	12,496	55,461
Over 250,000	8	646	2,253	2,986	10,420	72,499
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Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
1,000,000 or more	4 libraries	
1,690,180	Houston	Member
1,199,165	San Antonio	Member
1,047,265	Houston/HCPL	Member
1,024,497	Dallas	Member
500,000 to 999,999	1 library	
543,813	El Paso	Member
250,000 to 499,999	4 libraries	
492,329	Austin	Member
454,430	Fort Worth	Member
275,907	Arlington	Member
266,412	Corpus Christi	Member
100,000 to 249,999	20 libraries	
225,155	Richmond	Member
212,452	Lubbock	Member
203,857	Angleton	Member
203,674	Conroe	Member
191,186	Garland	Member
174,558	Waco	Member
170,856	Plano	Member
161,261	Irving	Member
161,065	Amarillo	Member
148,465	Laredo	Member
147,940	McAllen/FLS	Member
136,847	Brownsville	Member
125,418	Pasadena	Member
125,159	Bryan	Member
122,338	Odessa	Member
115,494	Beaumont	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
111,439	Midland	Member
108,324	Mesquite	Member
108,095	Abilene	Member
104,482	Grand Prairie	Member
50,000 to 99,999	23 libraries	
99,110	San Angelo	Member
97,604	Carrollton	Member
95,018	Wichita Falls	Member
93,614	Longview	Member
89,357	Baytown	Member
80,553	Denton	Member
77,042	Victoria	Member
76,872	Tyler	Member
76,364	Richardson	Member
70,790	Galveston/FLS	Member
66,574	Killeen	Member
59,677	Port Arthur	Member
59,084	Lewisville	Member
58,680	Pharr/FLS	Member
56,724	Grapevine	Member
55,487	Marshall	Member
54,752	Nacogdoches	Member
53,683	Mission/FLS	Member
53,480	Edinburg/FLS	Member
52,768	Weatherford	Member
51,962	Harlingen	Member
50,358	North Richland Hills	Member
50,102	Athens	Non-member
25,000 to 49,999	48 libraries	
49,569	Texas City/FLS	Member
48,230	San Marcos	Member
45,498	Sherman	Member
45,103	Temple	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
45,023	Palestine	Member
44,953	Rio Grande City	Member
44,653	Greenville	Member
44,312	Bedford	Member
42,805	New Braunfels	Member
40,885	Henderson	Member
40,683	Del Rio	Member
39,939	League City/FLS	Member
39,892	Wharton	Member
39,710	Corsicana	Member
39,665	Euless	Member
38,636	Weslaco/FLS	Member
38,259	Alice	Member
37,306	Seguin	Member
37,276	Kerrville	Member
36,967	Duncanville	Member
35,016	Round Rock	Member
34,822	Haltom City	Member
34,417	Hurst	Member
34,193	Brownwood	Member
33,867	Canton	Member
33,340	DeSoto	Member
32,601	Eagle Pass	Member
32,161	Big Spring	Member
32,122	Texarkana	Member
31,295	Lufkin	Member
31,163	Denison	Member
31,089	Granbury	Member
30,816	Kingsville	Member
30,000	Gilmer	Member
29,561	Gainesville	Member
29,367	Deer Park	Member
29,352	The Colony	Member
29,296	Friendswood/FLS	Member
28,746	Bay City	Member
27,956	San Benito	Member
27,439	Plainview	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
Population Served (1995)	**City**	**Membership Status (SFY 1997)**
26,512	Brenham	Member
26,373	Terrell	Member
26,000	Allen	Member
25,578	Livingston	Member
25,559	Rowlett	Member
25,362	Borger	Member
25,184	Rockwall	Member
10,000 to 24,999	104 libraries	
24,772	Farmers Branch	Member
24,751	Paris	Member
24,697	Beeville	Member
24,588	Levelland	Member
24,580	Copperas Cove	Member
23,817	Hempstead	Member
23,738	Floresville	Member
23,555	Village Mills	Non-member
23,271	McKinney	Member
23,154	Lancaster	Member
23,080	Burnet	Member
22,694	Cleburne	Member
22,590	Cedar Hill	Member
22,278	Mercedes/FLS	Member
22,223	Pampa	Member
22,098	Donna/FLS	Member
22,080	Carthage	Member
21,784	Watauga	Member
21,761	Los Fresnos	Member
21,435	Beaumont/JCL	Member
21,349	Schertz	Member
21,323	Huntsville	Member
21,166	Flower Mound	Member
20,191	Coppell	Member
20,106	Port Lavaca	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
19,118	Rockport	Member
18,881	Waxahachie	Member
18,769	Hereford	Member
18,691	Snyder	Member
18,462	Balch Springs	Member
18,438	Portland	Member
18,278	Raymondville	Member
18,058	Dumas	Member
17,906	La Marque/FLS	Member
17,810	Woodville	Member
17,714	Anahuac	Member
17,706	Fredericksburg	Member
17,309	Burleson	Member
17,258	Mansfield	Member
16,721	Nederland	Member
16,507	Groves	Member
16,492	Smiley/FLS	Non-member
16,136	Sweetwater	Member
15,763	Georgetown	Member
15,720	Keller	Member
15,542	White Settlement	Member
15,123	Elgin	Member
14,989	Alamo/FLS	Member
14,599	Andrews	Member
14,577	Mineral Wells	Member
14,575	Vernon	Member
14,270	Seminole	Member
14,266	Bellaire	Member
14,112	Mexia	Member
14,094	Ennis	Member
14,062	Lamesa	Member
14,058	Sulphur Springs	Member
13,793	Pleasanton	Member
13,789	Clarksville	Non-member
13,633	Universal City	Member
13,629	Lake Dallas	Member
13,608	Kilgore	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
13,533	Stephenville	Member
13,502	Newton	Member
13,423	Port Neches	Member
12,978	Brownfield	Member
12,937	Edna	Non-member
12,912	Commerce	Member
12,886	Harker Heights	Member
12,828	Littlefield	Member
12,721	San Diego	Member
12,649	Decatur	Member
12,591	Mt. Pleasant	Member
12,578	Jacksonville	Member
12,525	Monahans	Member
12,483	Midlothian	Member
12,285	Belton	Member
12,249	Azle	Member
11,970	Dickinson/FLS	Member
11,896	Dripping Springs	Member
11,880	Taylor	Member
11,846	Forest Hill	Member
11,746	Fort Stockton	Member
11,683	Llano	Member
11,635	Cameron	Member
11,393	Canyon	Member
11,336	Vidor	Member
11,303	Wylie	Member
11,298	Lake Travis	Member
11,272	Centerville	Non-member
11,254	Rockdale	Member
11,171	Clint	Member
11,100	Bandera	Member
11,062	Madisonville	Member
11,025	Bridgeport	Member
10,957	Kaufman	Member
10,704	Santa Fe/FLS	Member
10,604	Smithville	Member
10,553	Carrizo Springs	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
10,406	Aransas Pass	Member
10,139	Pittsburg	Member
10,131	Leon Valley	Member
5,000 to 9,999	114 libraries	
9,995	Seagoville	Member
9,971	Burkburnett	Member
9,831	Zapata	Member
9,809	George West	Member
9,733	Converse	Member
9,715	Hewitt	Member
9,631	Henrietta	Member
9,608	Wallis	Member
9,435	Lockhart	Member
9,428	Malakoff	Member
9,200	Palacios	Member
9,171	Elsa/FLS	Member
9,146	Frisco	Member
8,886	Saginaw	Member
8,851	Perryton	Member
8,820	Groveton	Member
8,755	Dimmitt	Member
8,747	Highland Park	Member
8,693	Graham	Member
8,692	Comanche	Member
8,649	Alpine	Member
8,562	Ingleside	Member
8,552	Breckenridge	Non-member
8,526	Rio Hondo	Member
8,463	Kermit	Member
8,444	Floydada	Member
8,442	Port Isabel	Member
8,360	Dalhart	Member
8,332	Crystal City	Member
8,306	Marion	Member
8,293	Boerne/FLS	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
8,281	Tulia	Member
8,246	Buna	Member
8,219	Brady	Member
8,216	Bridge City	Member
8,187	Falfurrias	Member
8,107	Richland Hills	Member
8,067	Mathis	Member
8,046	Quemado	Member
7,964	Sinton	Member
7,942	Corrigan	Member
7,891	Mineola	Member
7,887	San Augustine	Member
7,839	Refugio	Member
7,831	Liberty	Member
7,828	Fairfield	Member
7,820	Roanoke	Member
7,790	Teague	Member
7,699	Archer City	Member
7,671	Colorado City	Member
7,665	Coleman	Member
7,637	Sealy	Member
7,562	Gladewater	Member
7,442	Hamilton	Member
7,342	Cleveland	Member
7,325	Lumberton	Member
7,276	Hitchcock/FLS	Member
7,242	Pearsall	Member
7,219	Crowley	Member
7,179	Crosbyton	Member
7,141	Hillsboro	Member
7,070	Winnsboro	Member
7,042	Crockett	Member
6,950	Jasper	Member
6,946	Emory	Member
6,871	Forney	Member
6,865	Slaton	Member
6,768	Jacksboro	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
6,725	Tahoka	Member
6,703	River Oaks	Member
6,629	Silsbee	Member
6,615	Marlin	Member
6,591	Haskell	Member
6,569	Navasota	Member
6,523	Cuero	Member
6,510	Groesbeck	Member
6,486	Panhandle	Member
6,421	Bonham	Member
6,401	Sachse	Member
6,361	Ballinger	Member
6,355	Lampasas	Member
6,348	Clyde	Member
6,294	Canyon Lake	Member
6,294	Bulverde	Member
6,205	La Feria	Member
6,201	Hondo	Member
6,164	Springtown	Member
6,161	Childress	Member
6,153	Mt. Vernon	Member
6,144	Comfort/FLS	Member
6,132	Atlanta	Member
6,111	Iowa Park	Member
6,040	Goliad	Member
6,030	Gatesville	Member
5,943	Howe	Member
5,913	Cisco	Non-member
5,845	Eastland	Member
5,783	Jourdanton	Member
5,724	Cedar Park	Member
5,707	Poteet	Member
5,682	Everman	Member
5,588	San Saba	Member
5,584	Dayton	Member
5,558	Gorman	Non-member
5,534	Yoakum	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
5,527	Glen Rose	Member
5,431	Cotulla	Member
5,371	Kenedy/FLS	Member
5,286	Pflugerville	Member
5,133	Columbus	Member
5,107	Eagle Lake	Member
5,079	Hebbronville	Member
5,019	Hearne	Member
5,004	Whitesboro	Member
2,500 to 4,999	102 libraries	
4,977	Grand Saline	Member
4,973	New Boston	Member
4,965	Quanah	Member
4,961	Post	Member
4,903	Lake Worth	Member
4,888	Stanton	Member
4,883	Sheridan	Non-member
4,836	Bowie	Member
4,800	Luling	Member
4,796	Kennedale	Member
4,755	Taft	Member
4,754	Munday	Member
4,704	La Joya	Member
4,694	Center	Member
4,682	McGregor	Member
4,676	Cooper	Member
4,632	Crane	Member
4,607	DeLeon	Non-member
4,577	Big Lake	Member
4,536	Sanger	Member
4,525	Rotan	Member
4,508	Winters	Member
4,487	Quinlan	Member
4,470	Whitehouse	Member
4,440	Joshua	Non-member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
4,432	Muleshoe	Member
4,414	Karnes City/FLS	Member
4,407	Plains	Member
4,395	Venus	Member
4,391	Rusk	Member
4,390	Denver City	Member
4,346	Bastrop	Member
4,309	Diboll	Member
4,240	Sonora	Member
4,197	Morton	Member
4,187	Seymour	Member
4,158	Aledo	Member
4,130	Spearman	Member
4,117	Giddings	Member
4,101	Junction	Member
4,072	Ozona	Member
4,042	Devine	Member
4,022	Lytle	Member
4,016	Cockrell Hill	Member
3,998	La Grange	Member
3,983	Olney	Member
3,853	Leander	Member
3,815	Kyle	Member
3,790	Memphis	Member
3,737	Friona	Member
3,736	Blanco	Member
3,666	Stamford	Member
3,527	Kirbyville	Member
3,498	Clarendon	Member
3,488	Bellville	Member
3,480	Canadian	Member
3,477	Wellington	Member
3,455	Dublin	Member
3,436	Odem	Member
3,404	Kountze	Member
3,379	Shamrock	Member
3,363	Farmersville	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
3,349	Mason	Member
3,332	Robert Lee	Member
3,330	Baird	Member
3,297	Abernathy	Member
3,257	Caldwell	Member
3,246	Albany	Non-member
3,235	Van Horn	Member
3,196	Brackettville	Member
3,172	Pilot Point	Member
3,162	Van Alstyne	Member
3,148	New Waverly	Member
3,124	Weimar	Member
3,123	Boyd	Member
3,120	Presidio	Member
3,060	Buda	Member
3,056	Eldorado	Member
3,015	Alvarado	Member
2,985	Electra	Member
2,940	Johnson City	Member
2,906	Frankston	Member
2,898	Wolfe City	Member
2,888	Salado	Member
2,869	Hawkins	Member
2,787	Stratford	Member
2,757	Nocona	Member
2,738	Hutchins	Member
2,686	Trinity	Member
2,674	Hale Center	Member
2,622	Rankin	Member
2,606	Anson	Member
2,605	West	Member
2,593	Wilmer	Member
2,587	Chico	Member
2,587	Hallettsville	Member
2,581	Alvord	Member
2,580	Daingerfield	Member
2,574	Sour Lake	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
2,555	Charlotte	Member
2,522	Marfa	Member
2,507	Lindale	Member
1,000 to 2,499	71 libraries	
2,491	Celina	Member
2,466	Barksdale	Member
2,462	Petersburg	Non-member
2,450	Leakey	Member
2,431	Spur	Member
2,422	Schulenburg	Member
2,370	Sunnyvale	Member
2,361	Idalou	Non-member
2,325	Castroville	Member
2,322	Blue Mound	Member
2,303	Eden	Member
2,298	Ferris	Member
2,278	Whitewright	Member
2,277	Wolfforth	Member
2,267	Port Aransas	Member
2,262	Menard	Member
2,259	Booker	Member
2,230	Vega	Member
2,224	Utopia/FLS	Member
2,184	Yorktown	Member
2,166	Cross Plains	Member
2,122	Wheeler	Member
2,094	Shiner	Member
2,079	Paducah	Member
2,076	Newark	Member
2,051	Fort Hancock	Member
2,019	Sabinal/FLS	Member
1,993	Shepherd	Member
1,989	Aspermont	Member
1,984	Hooks	Non-member
1,950	Krum	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
1,931	Claude	Non-member
1,916	Fort Davis	Member
1,864	Pottsboro	Member
1,847	Earth	Member
1,793	Quitman	Member
1,766	Troup	Member
1,740	Santa Anna	Non-member
1,740	Rhome	Non-member
1,724	Mabank	Member
1,713	Laguna Vista	Non-member
1,704	Runge/FLS	Member
1,680	Leonard	Member
1,678	Honey Grove	Member
1,667	Crowell	Member
1,659	Morgans Point Resort	Non-member
1,652	Buffalo	Member
1,620	Mertzon	Member
1,609	Whitney	Member
1,569	Justin	Member
1,559	Iraan	Member
1,550	McCamey	Member
1,539	Austin/Westbank	Member
1,511	Sterling City	Member
1,490	Gruver	Member
1,450	Wimberley	Member
1,448	Aubrey	Member
1,418	Matador	Member
1,387	Kendalia/FLS	Member
1,387	Muenster	Member
1,352	Bartlett	Member
1,339	Sanderson	Member
1,335	Jonestown	Member
1,327	Flatonia	Non-member
1,222	Hemphill	Member
1,213	McLean	Member
1,136	Silverton	Non-member
1,060	Maud	Member

Rank Order of Texas Public Libraries by Population Served

Population Served (1995)	City	Membership Status (SFY 1997)
1,036	Valley Mills	Member
1,019	Miami	Non-member
1,011	Imperial	Member
1 to 999	16 libraries	
959	Jayton	Member
940	Florence	Member
914	Dell City	Member
905	Pineland	Member
858	Texline	Non-member
821	Melissa	Member
756	Higgins	Member
737	Quitaque	Member
702	Paint Rock	Non-member
689	Falls City/FLS	Member
635	Lake Tanglewood	Member
610	Waelder	Member
584	Coldspring	Member
556	Rising Star	Non-member
339	Guthrie	Member
305	Mount Calm	Member